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SUBJECT: REPROGRAMMING OF E/C POSITIONS: UK

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1. FOR FY 78 POST WISHES REQUEST TWO ADDITIONAL OFFICER POSITIONS: (A) COMMERCIAL OFFICER FOR LONDON TRADE CENTER. LONDON TRADE CENTER RELATIVELY UNDER STAFFED COMPARISON OTHER TRADE CENTERS, YET WITH SALES WHICH GIVE IT LEADING POSITION AMONG THESE TRADE CENTERS, HAS STRONG NEED FOR SECOND SHOW PROMOTION OFFICER. ONLY THROUGH EXTRAORDINARY OVERTIME AND UNDER CONDITIONS OF HIGH STRESS, COUPLED WITH NOTABLE ABILITY AND - DEVOTION TO DUTY, HAD PRESENT SHOW PROMOTION OFFICER BEEN ABLE TO MEET HIS RESPONSIBILITIES. MAINTENANCE PRESENT TRADE CENTER PROGRAM LIKELY IN JEOPARDY IF WE MUST CONTINUE WITH ONLY ONE SHOW PROMOTION OFFICER. WELL-MOTIVATED JUNIOR OFFICER, NOT NECESSARILY WITH E/C EXPERIENCE, WOULD MEET OUR NEEDS SINCE THIS IS TYPE POSITION WHICH CAN BE MASTERED CHIEFLY BY ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.

(B) ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL OFFICER FOR CONSULATE GENERAL EDINBURGH. WITH TRENDS TOWARDS INCREASING SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR SCOTLAND AND GIVEN POTENTIAL FOR TRADE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES IN THIS SECTION OF THE UK, ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER, PERHAPS AT THE FSO 6 LEVEL, WOULD GREATLY
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AUGMENT OUR ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES IN SCOTLAND,

AN AREA OF SOME 5 MILLION PEOPLE MOVING TOWARDS INCREASING INDUSTRIALIZATION, INCLUDING OIL DEVELOPMENT. AT PRESENT ONLY MINIMAL TRADE PROMOTION WORK POSSIBLE, AND GENERAL ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL REPORTING LIMITED BY CONSULAR RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXISTING STAFF.

2. WITH RESPECT LAST UK INSPECTION REPORT SEPTEMBER 1974, ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS WERE:

9(A) ONE FSL PROFESSIONAL COMMERCIAL POSITION FOR CONSULATE GENERAL LIVERPOOL: AND

(B) TWO NEW COMMERCIAL POSITIONS FOR EMBASSY.

3. NO REQUEST EVER INITIATED FOR COMMERCIAL POSITION IN LIVERPOOL BUT THIS IS NOW ACADEMIC SINCE POST BEING CLOSED.

4. THE TWO FSL COMMERCIAL POSITIONS IN EMBASSY WERE REQUESTED IN FY 76 COMMERCIAL BUDGET (LONDON 7890 JUNE 24, 1974) BUT WERE NEVER AUTHORIZED. WE HAVE SINCE SHIFTED OUR OWN RESOURCES AND ARE NO LONGER REQUESTING THESE POSITIONS.

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